

DYNAMITED

Postoffice at Sherrard Blown Up—
Safe Crackers Do Damage
of \$10,000.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 19.—Nitroglycerine, used by burglars in the safe of the postoffice at Sherrard early Saturday morning, ended in wrecking the building, blowing out the entire front, and causing a fire that completed the work of destruction, making a total loss of the building and contents, valued at about \$10,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

The building was owned and occupied by D. M. Garvin, a former dairyman, who conducted a general store, and was also the postmaster of the village, the office being located in his establishment. The safe contained \$400 worth of stamps and \$200 in money, which it is believed the miscreants did not secure, owing to the unexpected awful result of their work.

It was about 4 o'clock in the morning, when the residents of the peaceful village of Sherrard were all rudely awakened by a tremendous noise, the concussion jarring every building in the community. Many panes of glass were shattered by the explosion and the frightened inhabitants imagined all sorts of things as the probable cause.

Running from their homes the discovery was made that the entire front had been blown out of the Garvin building, and soon flames started from the ruins. Energetic efforts were made to extinguish the flames and save some of the contents of the building but two cash registers were all that was secured from the burning building, and the flames were not subdued until the structure was totally destroyed.

May Track Them.
It is now believed that the men who committed the act were seen by many of the residents, but as a light snow had fallen, they were able to track them for a distance, and are certain that there were four in the crowd. It is thought that they headed for the State line, and are now in Pennsylvania. There is absolutely no clue to the identity of the burglars, but it is assumed that they were novices in the safe breaking business, or they would not have used such a great quantity of the explosive sufficient to effect the entire demolition of the building.

The Insurance.
The building was a comparatively new one, having recently been built to replace a former structure destroyed by fire. The loss is fully covered by insurance, the building being insured for \$1,700 and the stock for \$3,000.

Were They Blown Up?
While the theory that the men have escaped into Pennsylvania is the general opinion, it is thought by many the police included, that the men may have been caught in the explosion and hurled to death. That the terrific explosion was a surprise, even to them, is apparently certain, and if they were in the room at the moment of explosion they could hardly have escaped injury when the force was sufficient to blow out the entire front of the building.

It is reasoned that the men might have been killed by the force of the explosion, and that their bodies may have fallen through the broken floor into the cellar beneath. This would account for their not being found and it will be some time before the truth can be known, covered, as they would be, by the heaps of charred and smoking debris.

WOULDN'T TAKE BRIBE.

Chicago Councilman Is Censured as Unworthy Member of Council

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—After a session of several hours the Chicago city council, sitting as a committee of the whole, passed a resolution late Saturday afternoon censuring Alderman Hubert W. Butler in very severe terms for his aspersions on members of the council. The vote was 55 to 5. Butler refrained from voting, saying he wished to reserve his rights. Alderman Alling moved to have the resolution read that Butler had "made statements unworthy of a member of the council." This was rejected. The resolutions read that he (Butler) is "An unworthy member of this body."

A vote of the council as the council proper was taken. It was the same as the previous vote—55 to 5.

The mayor then instructed the sergeant-at-arms to bring Alderman Butler before the bar. He did so, Butler saying he went there under protest. The mayor then read the part of the resolution containing the words of the censure. He concluded: "You will now pass from the bar of this council."

The council then adjourned.

Butler Wouldn't Take Bribe.

This probably winds up the matter, as it is understood that the grand jury which has been investigating the bribery charge made by Butler, will return a "No bill."

The aspersions for which Butler

was censured were made by him two weeks ago, after the passing of an ordinance granting an action right of way to an elevated railroad company. He made an impassioned speech, in which he alleged that attempts had been made to bribe him, and also said "certain lawyers in the council will do for clients what they would not do for themselves," and "a certain element in the council want to show what they can do in the traction situation in connection with the ordinance."

A tremendous sensation was created and the matter has been the subject of rigid investigation since.

Butler declined to say whether or not he would resign from the council.

It Was His Deal.

One of the favorite stories of a prominent official of the Western Maryland Railroad Company deals with a poker game at which he was an interested spectator in a little town in West Virginia.

He had been watching the game for a few minutes only, when he saw that it was not "on the square" and determined to inform on the next man he caught playing crooked. A few minutes later he distinctly saw the dealer deal himself a jack of spades from the bottom of the deck.

The onlooker touched one of the players upon the shoulder, and taking him off in the corner said:

"I just want to put you next: That game is crooked."

"What do you mean?" asked the West Virginian in a startled manner.

"Why," replied the stranger, "I just saw that fellow deal himself a jack from the bottom of the deck."

The West Virginian looked at him for a minute and then said pityingly:

"Well, it was his deal, wasn't it?"

After that experience, the railroad man says, he never interfered in any more poker games.—Baltimore Sun.

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BRAVE SKIPPER JUMPED INTO SEA.

Saved Woman Who Insisted Upon Walking Deck With An Umbrella.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Bringing one of the most remarkable yarns of the sea that any steamer has carried into port in many a day, the Scandinavian-American liner Heckla docked at Hoboken Thursday after 23 days of the worst kind of weather that old Father Neptune could turn loose. In making the trip from Christiania the Heckla took longer than any other steamer in the history of the line. So bad was the pounding she got that she had to put in at Halifax. But Captain Egense had been through hard seas before, for he was one of the six survivors of the Norge, that went down last year.

All of the 287 passengers knew of the captain's fearlessness and felt safe as the good ship steamed out of the Scandinavian harbor in a snowstorm. On the following day the Heckla ran into a fierce gale, accompanied by heavy rain. She pitched and tossed on the high seas until it seemed as though she was going down bow first.

Every one of the passengers except an old woman kept below. This old woman insisted upon going on deck and carrying an umbrella. She walked forward and when just about the bridge, where Captain Egense was keeping watch, a sudden sweep of the gale caught the umbrella, lifted the old woman over the railing and dropped her into the raging ocean. The captain saw the accident and, without even stopping to remove his overcoat, dived into the sea from the bridge. As he did so the navigator signaled a full stop. Sailors threw life lines and preservers over to the pair and then manned the boats.

Two boats were lowered, and the Captain and the old woman were rescued. A purse was taken up, and the captain will receive a medal for his bravery. From then on the Heckla ran into head winds and heavy seas until at times she hardly made any progress. Fifteen days ago matters became very serious. The coal supply was getting lower and lower. It was not until last Sunday, when the Heckla got to Halifax and coaled up, that her captain and crew felt relieved.

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BIG CANAL CONTRACTS.

Bids For Construction Opened In Albany—The Bidders.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Superintendent of public works Boyd opened the first bids for the construction work on the 1,000-ton barge canal, for which an expenditure of \$101,000,000 has been authorized. Tenders were received on contracts Nos. 1 and 2 only, involving an estimated expenditure of about \$2,000,000. Among the 14 bidders for contract No. 2, which calls for the excavation of the canal from the Mohawk river to a point a quarter of a mile west of the head of Lock No. 3, with the construction of Locks Nos. 2 and 3, were the Broadhead Contracting Company (incorporated), of Pittsburgh, \$1,000,000, and MacArthur Brothers Company, of Chicago, \$1,000,000. The lowest bid was \$869,000, made by the United Engineering and Contracting Company of New York.

Contract No. 1 calls for the excavating of the Upper Hudson River channel for the Champlain Canal, from Northumberland to Fort Miller, and from Crocker's Reef to Fort Edward, a distance of seven miles, with the construction of Crocker's Reef dam. The only bidders for contract No. 1 were Lindon W. Bates, New York City, \$605,000, and John Dunfee & Co., Syracuse, \$712,000.

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No. 7.—Chicago Express.	2:24 A. M.	No. 8.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express.	3:25 A. M.
No. 5.—Wheeling Accommodation.	7:47 A. M.	No. 72.—Grafton Accom'n	10:55 A. M.
No. 55.—Wheeling & Cincinnati Express.	7:23 P. M.	No. 46.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express.	1:49 P. M.
No. 71.—Wheeling Accommodation.	1:11 P. M.	No. 4.—Grafton Accom'n	8:38 P. M.

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No. 2.—Pittsburg Accom'n	7:05 P. M.
No. 50.—Pittsburg Accom'n	1:00 P. M.
No. 4.—Pittsburg Accom'n	9:50 P. M.

DEPARTS.

No. 1.—Pittsburg Accom'n	5:00 A. M.
No. 3.—Pittsburg Accom'n	7:50 A. M.
No. 51.—Connellsville Accom'n	2:10 P. M.
No. 69 leaves daily for Morgantown at 9:05 P. M. No. 62 arrives from Morgantown at 6:55 A. M., daily except Sunday; No. 66 at 8:00 A. M. Sunday only.	

PAWPAW BRANCH.

(Saturday only.)

No. 201.—Leaves Fairmont	7:00 A. M.
No. 203.—Leaves Fairmont	4:00 P. M.
No. 200.—Arrives at Fairmont	9:25 A. M.
No. 202.—Arrives at Fairmont	6:25 P. M.

MONONGAH DIVISION.

No. 5.—Arrives at Fairmont	5:35 P. M.
No. 1.—Arrives at Fairmont	12:10 P. M.
No. 3.—Arrives at Fairmont	7:45 A. M.
No. 2.—Leaves Fairmont	7:10 A. M.
No. 6.—Leaves Fairmont	1:53 P. M.
No. 4.—Leaves Fairmont	9:55 P. M.
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